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NEWS FROM EUROPE.

Enormous Loss of Life by the Tidal Wave at Bantam.

Meeting of the Irish National Land League in Dublin.

Provision of the Recent Treaty Between France and Annam.

Opening of the German Reichstag—The Emperor's Message—Cable Flashes.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—A free library, which was given to the town of Dunfermline, Scotland, by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York, was opened to-day by Lord Rosebery, who spoke in praise of the generosity of Mr. Carnegie. Lord Rosebery, in his speech at Dunfermline, referred to a visit he intends to make shortly to America, a country which he said had always been dear to him.

Mr. Richard O'Shaughnessy has resigned his seat in the house of commons for Limerick city in order to take a government office. The steamer Adriatic, which sails from Queenstown to-day for New York, carries the mails of the steamer St. Germaine, which was disabled last Sunday morning in a collision with the steamer Woodburn.

Reuter's Telegram company has the following dispatch from Madrid: The Duke de Fernan-Nunez, the Spanish ambassador at Paris, telegraphed that France signified her willingness to expel Zorilla from French territory, but Zorilla declared. He will not be permitted, however, to return to France. The incident is thus considered closed. The French cabinet, owing to assurances from Spain, views without distrust the proposed visit of King Alfonso to Germany. The visit is now considered certain. It is understood that the king will travel through Spain. The government journals reiterate that the visit will be simply an act of courtesy.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 29.—In the examination of James McDermott, who is supposed to have been connected with the dynamite conspiracy, it was stated that the king of Spain, Alfonso, was a prisoner signed by James Stephens and O'Donovan Rossa. On the latter card, which was written McDermott's name, the following was written: "Tell the boys over there that I will do my utmost to help destroy the common enemy."

DUBLIN, Aug. 29.—A meeting of the Irish National League was held here to-day. Messrs. Davitt, Sexton, and Parnell were present. Mr. Parnell in a speech referred to the success of the efforts of the Irish members of Parliament to promote the laborers, farmers, and migration acts. He said he believed the day was near when the Irish would gain the full programme of measures for which the league had been formed. Mr. Parnell thanked the Irishmen of America and Australia for their support of the cause of progress in Ireland, which, he said, had been encouraging. He said that the bulk of the English members of the house of commons had conceded that home rule was necessary for Ireland.

PARIS, Aug. 29.—The treaty between France and Annam provides for the complete recognition of a French protectorate over Annam and Tonquin, the definite annexation of Dhinhuu to Cochina China, the permanent military occupation by the French of the forts on the Thuan and Vinhchu line, the immediate recall of the Annamite troops from Tonquin and the garrison there to be placed on a peace footing, and the return of the mandarins to their posts. France undertakes to expel the Chinese from Tonquin and thus insure safety to trade.

The *Liberte* asserts that Ruiz Zorilla, who is said to have been connected with the recent revolt in Spain, left France a fortnight ago. It is reported that the emperor of Abyssinia having heard that King Menelik of Shoa had intended to send an embassy to France, to solicit a protectorate over Shoa, has declared war against King Menelik, and an Abyssinian army has already invaded Shoa.

Mr. Maynal, minister of public works, in a speech at the opening of a new railway yesterday, said the recent election for president general showed that France had found the best system of government. The period of revolution, he said, was ended, and peace alone could secure the prosperity of the nation. The cabinet has decided not to call the chambers in session immediately. The question of forming a regiment of several battalions from the African army for service in Tonquin is being discussed in the war office.

Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, has received a dispatch from the governor of Cochina China announcing that M. Champagneux has arrived at Saigon, bearing a treaty of peace between France and Annam, which was signed at Hanoi on the twenty-fifth instant.

FRANKFURT, Aug. 29.—The plate on the coffin of the Count de Chambord is inscribed with the following words: "Henry the Fifth, by the grace God King of France and Navarre."

VIENNA, Aug. 29.—The anti-Magyar riots at Zagorin have been quelled. The peasants who took part in them have fled to the mountains. The journals here say that the summoning of the German parliament means that Spain has been admitted into the alliance of the great powers.

The *Presse* says the Russian representative at Sofia has told a Bulgarian deputation that Russian officials now in Bulgaria would, at the emperor's wish, remain there two years longer, and that opposition to their staying would be regarded as rebellion against Russia. Although order has been restored at Egerzeg, Hungary, the scene of the late attack upon the Jews, all the shops in the place are closed. The Jewish families have fled from the town, and trade and traffic are suspended.

The *Presse* announces that Count Kalnoky, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, will go to-morrow to Salzburg where he will have an interview with Prince Bismarck.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Egerzeg. The troops there have been reinforced. BATAVIA, Aug. 29.—Since noon yesterday everything has been quiet. The sky is clear and communication with Sorang has been restored. The temperature fell 10° on Monday, but it is now at its normal height. The town is covered with a thin layer of ashes, which was so hot when falling that it killed birds. Telegraph lines report that while they were at work repairing a line near Anjer early Monday morning they saw a high column of the smoke rising from the smoking volcano. They fled immediately, without learning the fate of the inhabitants. The quarries at Merak have disappeared, and all the people of the place perished. The floating dock at the island of Onrust, near Batavia, is adrift, and is badly damaged.

The tidal wave completely destroyed Anjer. Many persons there were killed. The loss of life among both Europeans and natives at North Bantam was enormous.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—A dispatch from Batavia, Java, to the *Lloyds* says that the towns of Anjer, Tjiringine and Telokong have been destroyed by the volcanic eruptions. It also says that all the light-houses in the Sunda straits have disappeared, and that the mountain of Krakaur formerly stood the sea now flows. The aspect of the Sunda straits is much changed and navigation is dangerous.

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—The Reichstag was opened to-day. The message of the emperor opening the session related to the treaty of commerce with Spain. The message declared that the Reichstag was called to ratify the Spanish treaty, and to secure beyond

doubt the payment of the indemnity granted to the government by the indemnity for carrying the provisions of the treaty into immediate effect. Two hundred and sixty deputies were present when the roll was called. The president and vice-presidents of the previous session were re-elected.

EMPEROR WILLIAM will review the guards to-day instead of on the occasion of the anniversary of the surrender of Sedan. It is reported that it is out of deference to the feelings of the French that the emperor decided to change the day of the review.

PARIS, Aug. 29.—The members of the national party in the chamber of deputies will meet on Sept. 6 for the purpose of discussing the situation in Croatia and the attitude they shall assume in regard to it. The occurrence at Fagorin on Monday, in which a number of persons were killed and wounded, has made a deep impression. It is believed the feeling against the Magyars is due to agitation which has been conducted for some years by emissaries scattered among the peasants of Croatia and also to the increasing exactions of the taxgatherers, for which Hungary is held directly amenable. The troubles in Croatia continue. The municipal authorities of Agram declare that they would rather resign their positions than replace the Hungarian arms and notices on the public buildings. The magyars of Hungary regard the situation in Croatia as a serious one.

COMPELLED TO EAT SOAP.

As Well as to Stand on Their Heads and Perform Various Monkey Tricks—The Hazards on Trial.

HANNAPOLE, Md., Aug. 29.—To-day it is discovered that Breed, of Kentucky, and Strite, of Maryland, were not among those who engaged in having the fourth class on the Constellation. G. B. Reilly, of Wisconsin, and E. T. Witherspoon, of Connecticut, are among the hazers. Lieut. Comdr. Thomas and Lieuts. Wood and Meigs are the court to try the accused, with Lieut. Goodwin as judge advocate. The court will meet to-morrow.

Capt. Ramsey being asked what the character of the hazing was and whether or not it was not slight, responded that it consisted in turning the fourth class men out of their hammocks at night, making them eat soap, expose their persons, stand on their heads, turn somersaults, sing songs, &c., and in over way make themselves as ridiculous as possible. Some people, he added, with a smile, may regard this as slight. Capt. Ramsey then went on to say that the hazers had no excuse for their conduct. They had been fully warned. The law of congress had been constantly kept before their eyes and had received no notice up in their conduct of whole year. Their attention had been called to it in a special order in which the law had been cited at length, which law is as follows: "That in all cases when it shall come to the knowledge of the superintendent of the navy academy at Annapolis that any naval cadet has been guilty of the offense commonly known as hazing, it shall be the duty of said superintendent to order a court martial, composed of not less than three commissioned officers, who shall examine minutely into all the facts and circumstances of the case and make a finding thereon; and any cadet found guilty of said offense by said court shall, upon recommendation of said court, be dismissed; and such finding, when approved by said superintendent, shall be final; and the cadet so dismissed shall be forever ineligible to reappointment to said naval academy," which act was approved Aug. 5, 1882.

The captain then went on to state that a cadet had been dismissed last November for having Campbell, also one for having Tisdale, two for having Taggle, one for having Winram, and now you see these very boys have been hazing others. Capt. Ramsey, continuing, said he was determined to break up hazing; if these boys, with all the warnings they had received would fly in the face of law and orders, they must take the consequences. Obedience was the first duty to be learned and cadets must learn it. He understood that some of the accused would try to plead that they did nothing, merely looking on. This would not avail them, he said, because by their presence they assisted in it, and were equally as responsible as others.

FISHES AND FOSSILS.

The President Catching Fish in the Yellowstone—An Antediluvian Rhinoceros Captured.

CAMP CAMPBELL, FOOT OF YELLOWSTONE LAKE, WYO., Aug. 28.—The President and party arrived at this camp at about noon to-day, having marched from the upper end of the lake, a distance of twenty-two miles. The trail over which the party came wound round the borders of the lake, almost entirely through timber, and the agreeable shade an absence of dust made it a ride one of the most enjoyable of the whole journey. At the point where the party will remain to-night the grass is abundant and nutritious. The camp is in the fringe of the fine pine timber, which covers the mountain sides, and is sufficiently elevated to overlook the splendid meadow where the animals are feeding, and a comprehensive view of the lake whose waters wash the precipitous cliffs of the Shoshone mountains beyond. Many of the peaks are capped with snow, and the surrounding country is a beautiful scene. The President, accompanied by Capt. Clark, went fishing this afternoon, but the remainder of the party were contented to remain and enjoy the panorama spread out before them. The President caught thirty-five fish, weighing for y-five pounds. The head of an extinct species of rhinoceros and two vertebrae of a large fossil mammal, in an excellent state of preservation, were found on the shore of the lake, near the camp, by the surgeon and naturalist of the party, W. H. Forewood. The specimens are interesting, and will be sent to Prof. Cope, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 29.—A special to the *Courier-Journal* from Frankfort says: Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn was in this city to-day and made known his intentions concerning the "separation" to Col. J. Stoddard Johnston, editor of the *Frankfort Freeman*. He said: "Certainly I have no reservation when I speak to the people through the *Freeman*. I can say that I am not a candidate for speaker. I have made my determination known to my friends, and you are authorized to make the announcement public." Mr. Blackburn added: "After mature consideration I have consented to become a candidate for United States senator, and you are authorized to announce me as such."

The Connecticut Tobacco Crop.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Aug. 29.—Reports to the *New England Homestead* from over one hundred tobacco growing towns in the Connecticut and Massachusetts valleys indicate that the crop for 1883 will be a full average in yield, while excellent in quality. The total acreage is reduced fully 15 per cent with one-third increase in Havana tobacco.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

BOSTON, Aug. 29.—An attempt was made last night to wreck the Albany express, on the Boston and Albany railway, by placing two sleepers on the track, just above Ashland. A very narrow escape was had from a terrible disaster. The engine struck the sleepers, but was running slowly, and no damage was done.

Imported Cattle.

CHESTER, PA., Aug. 29.—Two hundred head of Jersey cattle and a number of ponies, sheep, and hogs, valued at \$75,000, consigned to A. M. Horne & Co., Philadelphia, were landed here to-day from the steamer *Orlando* from Hull. The animals will be placed in quarantine.

TRAIN ROBBER'S TRIAL.

Winding a Strong Chain of Evidence Around the Missouri Rough Rider.

Identifying Him as One of the Gang Who Robbed the Train at Winston.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29.—A special dispatch to the *Republican* from Gallatin, Mo., dated the twenty-eighth, says: In the afternoon session of the trial of Frank James, James Mallory, a farmer, living eight miles from Gallatin, testified that on the Thursday before the Winston robbery he saw Frank James at Potts' blacksmith shop, where he was having his horse shod. There was another man with James. Witness had a discussion with James concerning the assassination of President Garfield. James told witness that he was living in Caldwell county.

Jonas Potts, the blacksmith, who shod the horse referred to by Mallory, also testified. He said he lived four miles north of Winston. He believed he had seen the defendant in his shop during the latter part of June, 1881, and that he was there again on the thirteenth or fourteenth of July. On both occasions witness shod horses for defendant and another man, whom he recently recognized as Dick Liddell. Witness thought he had seen Frank James twice before, at the Kansas City fair when William M. Reid testified and the Hamilton fair, but he was not quite certain.

The witness was examined at great length as to the identification of the defendant, but seemed to be pretty certain on the point. On direct examination, witness stated that, when having his horse shod, Frank James gave him a name as Green Cooper, a cattle dealer of Ray county. Subsequently witness recognized in a lively stable at Liberty, Mo., the mare which he had shod on the occasion of Frank James' first visit to his shop.

Wash Whitton, a farmer, testified in corroboration of Potts' statement, he having been at the blacksmith shop when the two men had the mare shod, on the morning before the Winston robbery.

Mrs. Potts, wife of the blacksmith, testified to the fact that James had a statement, and identifies the defendant as one of the men who took breakfast at her house the day before the Winston robbery.

Frank R. O'Neill, a reporter of the *Missouri Republican*, testified to having had an interview with Frank James in Missouri a week before the latter surrendered, and that it was correctly published in the *Republican*. He rehearsed of this interview that portion referring to where Frank James lived while in Tennessee, what he did and why he left there.

Circuit Attorney Hamilton then asked witness where the interview took place, to which witness replied that he preferred not to answer, and asked to be relieved from stating anything further than that it occurred in Missouri. The question was temporarily withdrawn. Witness was then asked who was present at the interview. He replied: "Frank James' wife." "Who else," was asked, and the witness stated that he felt under obligations not to answer. The court then asked the witness to state who was present at the interview, and witness then said that he did not decline to answer from perverseness, but that when he met Frank James on that occasion he was under a pledge, as the other person or persons who were present might be prejudiced by the statement.

Messrs. Johnson & Phillips, of the defense, asked that the witness be excused from violating an obligation. The court stated that the witness must answer the question if it were insisted upon.

George W. McCann, a farmer in Jackson county, testified to Dick Liddell leaving a wagon at his house some time after the Winston robbery. The books of the Richmond express office were put in as evidence to show the receipt of guns and Mrs. James' sewing machine. Miss Kate Kondig and her mother, living four miles from Winston, identified Dick Liddell and Frank James as being together on the day of the Winston robbery.

William Bray, the farmer who took Jesse James in a buggy to Hamilton at the time the expedition was about to start at Gallatin on account of Jesse's sickness, corroborated Dick Liddell's account of the affair. He positively identified Frank James and other members of the gang that visited his farm with their sick companion.

E. E. Bray, son of the former witness, testified to the visit of the gang to his father's house.

Mrs. Bray corroborated her husband and son, and was much clearer in her identification than either of them.

Mr. Frank James testified that a man, who strongly resembled the prisoner, called with three others at his house, eight miles west of Gallatin, on Oct. 13, and at dinner. The description of the others tallied with that of Jesse James, Dick Liddell, and Wood Hite.

Frank Wolfenberger, a young farmer living nine miles from Gallatin, testified that the witnesses examined. It was at his house that the robbers stopped over night on their return from their second trip, when Jesse was taken sick. The witness accurately described the party.

Dick Liddell he recognized as one of the party. He detailed the movements of the party during the time they were at his house, repeating their conversation and showing a remarkable memory for details. The subject of race horses was brought up, and the witness positively identified, showed unusual familiarity with the celebrated race horses of the day.

Mrs. Wolfenberger corroborated her husband and son, and was much clearer in her identification than either of them.

Dr. William Black, of Gallatin, testified to an interview with James in the independence jail, in which he talked about the acting of Keene, McCullough, and Fred Warde, and quoted Shakespeare liberally.

Mr. Matthews, of Clay county, whose mare was stolen and ridden by Frank James, described the animal.

A recess was taken at noon.

Mr. Wallace, of the prosecution, announced that the state would close within ten minutes after the opening of the afternoon session.

British Imports of Iron and Steel.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 29.—Mr. Andrew Wheeler, of this city, has been chosen treasurer of the American Iron and Steel association. The American Iron and Steel association reports the imports of British iron and steel into this country during July as 70,000 tons as against 103,395 tons for the corresponding month last year. The total imports of iron and steel for the first seven months of this year, as compared with the corresponding period last year, show a decrease of 329,075 tons.

Protest of Cincinnati Democrats.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 29.—An adjourned meeting of democrats dissatisfied with the organization of the late county convention was held this afternoon to hear the report of the committee appointed to prepare a plan of action. The committee's report declared that the late convention was held contrary to rules and precedents, and its work was fraudulent, and made arrangement for calling a convention to consist of one delegate from each precinct in the county from among persons signing this report, with instructions to meet in September.

tember and nominate a ticket, to be called the democratic reform ticket, and to be headed by the state democratic ticket. A committee of fifteen is to be appointed to make arrangements. The report was adopted.

PANIC STRICKEN PASSENGERS.

A Steamer Rolling in a Heavy Sea With 700 Frightened Souls on Board.

BOSTON, Aug. 29.—The steamer John Rorer left here this morning on her regular trip to Pemberton and Nantucket, carrying about 700 passengers. The trip was a very rough one, a strong northeasterly wind blowing at the time. When off Long island the Rorer began to roll heavily on the rough seas, which rapidly increased as the steamer proceeded on her course. Just before crossing the sand bar between Nix's Mate and Long island a tremendous sea struck her on the port side and directly under the wheel, tearing away with a crash the after part of the port paddle box and the entire stateroom adjoining. A panic ensued among the passengers and a rush was made for life preservers, while others sought the lifeboats. The officer of the Rorer had her for Gallipoli island. In the meantime blowing a signal of distress, which was answered by the steamer *Rose Standish*, which was on her course to Boston from Strawberry Hill and Pemberton. After receiving about 300 passengers, the *Standish* proceeded for Pemberton, where they landed safely, while the Rorer, being relieved of a part of her passengers, continued her course to Nantucket. The accident is said to have been the result of the steamer listing to the port side and shutting in a heavy sea, which had no chance of escape except by breaking through the timbers.

WAGNER, THE LITIGANT.

Severely Denounced by the Judge of a Maryland Court.

SPECIAL DISPATCH.

FREDERICK, MD., Aug. 29.—Dr. Harris Wagner, the famous litigant of this state, who was arrested near Silver Springs, Montgomery county, on Sunday last on 703 attachments issued by the chief judge of this district for contempt of court in renewing action on 703 judgments for \$25 dollars each, against the Adams Express company, which had been enjoined by both the circuit and appellate courts, was tried here to-day and convicted on each and every case. His counsel was Mr. Elias Griswold, of Washington. Wagner's case, in addition to the 703 cases, has eight thousand more judgments against the express company for \$25 each in the hands of his counsel, Messrs. Hancock, Hay, and Griswold, of Washington, D. C., for suit in the supreme court of the district. The decision of the court to-day was terribly severe in its denunciation of Wagner's methods. Sentence was deferred until Friday, when an equally large number of other and similar cases against Wagner will be acted upon, and with the same result. The penalty is \$50 for each case or imprisonment until paid. All the judgments obtained by Wagner against the express company and many private persons were for mere fictitious wrongs.

Base Ball.

At Philadelphia—
Athletic..... 3 2 2 1 2 1 0-11
Phillies..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0-8
At Trenton, N. J., (championship game)—
Trenton..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0-9
Athletic..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0-6

At Wilmington, (championship game)—
Harrington..... 1 2 1 0 0 1 1-6
Quick..... 0 0 1 0 0 1 0-5

At New York—
Metropolitan..... 3 0 1 0 1 1 1-7
St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-0

Base hits—Metropolitan, 12; St. Louis, 4. Errors—Metropolitan, 4; St. Louis, 10.

At Brooklyn—
Aetna..... 5 0 0 0 0 0 0-5
Brooklyn..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 1-0

Base hits—Aetna, 5; Brooklyn, 4. Errors—Aetna, 7; Brooklyn, 6.

At Stapleton, L. I.—
Providence..... 3 2 0 0 0 0 4 1-18
Stapleton..... 2 0 0 1 1 0 0 1-8

BALTIMORE, Aug. 29.—In consequence of rain there was no game of base ball to-day between the Baltimore and Cincinnati nines.

At Chicago—
Chicago..... 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 3-7
Cleveland..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Base hits—Chicago, 15; Cleveland, 5. Errors—Chicago, 3; Cleveland, 3.

At Detroit—
Buffalo..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-2
Detroit..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 2-2

Base hits—Buffalo, 4; Detroit, 11. Errors—Buffalo, 5; Detroit, 6.

At Pittsburgh—
Allegheny..... 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0-6
Columbus..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0-10

Suing a Steamship for Damages.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Messrs. C. Havemeyer, T. A. Havemeyer, and others began a suit to-day in the United States district court against the steamer *Lydia Monarch* for the damage done to a quantity of sugar shipped to the libellants from London, March 20, 1883. On that date there were shipped to the libellants 29,804 mats of sugar, 2,572 of which they allege were damaged by water from leaks. They charge the owners of the vessel with sending her to sea in an unworthy condition, and sue for \$5,000 damages.

A Barkentine Damaged.

BOSTON, Aug. 29.—As the barkentine Hancock, Capt. Peffergrove, from Arcobio, was coming through the narrow straits this morning she was struck by the masted schooner *Harrisburg*, of Boston, to Philadelphia, which attempted to cross the barkentine's bow. The bowsprit of the latter, with her jib boom, head gear, cutwater, and head, were badly damaged. The steamer's quarter was badly damaged, and she was forced ashore on Lovell's island, but got off and proceeded to sea.

Prince Hohenlohe's Tour.

MONTREAL, Aug. 29.—A dispatch received here from Prince Hohenlohe and the party of distinguished tourists now on their way to the Rocky mountains via the Canada Pacific railway, says: "Arrived at Calgary, thirty-four hours from the Winnipeg line, in very good condition. Coal used on engine was mined in the vicinity of the line. Country looking well and crops excellent. Visitors speak very highly of the line and country."

The Dermatological Association.

BOLTON, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The American Dermatological association met at the Sagamore hotel this morning, the president, R. W. Taylor, of New York, in the chair. Interesting papers were read by Drs. Piffard, of New York; Graham, of Toronto; Stillwagon and Van Harlingen, of Philadelphia, and Atkinson, of Baltimore. The sessions will be continued to-morrow and Friday.

Secretary Chandler.

HAR HARBOR, ME., Aug. 29.—The United States steamer Tallapoosa, with Secretary Chandler on board, is in the harbor, having arrived from Eastport.

The United States steamer Tallapoosa, with Secretary Chandler and Senator Hale on board, left at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon going west.

Poisoned the Lover of His Sweetheart.

DETROIT, Aug. 29.—John Woolver has been arrested at Perry, Shiawassee county, for fatally poisoning Harry Cather with strychnine. Cather was recently married to a young woman whom Woolver also liked. This is offered as a motive for the suspected murder.

Death at One Hundred and Five.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 29.—Aaron Goldstein, a prominent Israelite, died this morning, aged 105 years.

SWEEP BY THE SURF.

A Bad Washout on a Long Branch Railroad Caused by the Ocean Waves—Destructive Tide at Atlantic City.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Aug. 29.—The surf has been running very strong all day, and the beach has been badly washed away in some places. The undertow was too strong for bathing, and the Plymouth Rock was unable to run to the ocean pier. Late this afternoon the tide began running over the track of the New Jersey Southern railroad, opposite the highlands of Navesink. The track was undermined in several places, and the waves ran over into the Shrewsbury river. At some points the sand from the beach was piled upon the tracks to a depth of nearly three feet. Passengers from New York were transferred around the washout in boats. A train load of stone was sent to the scene this evening and a large gang of laborers was set to work repairing the damage. Superintendent Bidgett said the tracks would be ready for the passage of trains before morning. A bad washout is reported on the Philadelphia and Long Branch division of the Pennsylvania railway near Berkey. The trains to and from Philadelphia are running over the New Jersey Southern railway, between Whiting and Farmingdale, so as to reach Long Branch.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 29.—There is not a place on our beach that has not been damaged to some extent by the high tide and heavy surf of to-day, and the total loss will not be less than \$75,000. Long beach, which was at 6 o'clock, the board walk began to wash away, and by high water the beach along the center of the city was a mass of debris. Bath houses, restaurants, photograph galleries, and stores and dwellings, which were built so far from the surf that it was thought that no sea could reach them, were undermined and carried bodily into the ocean and beaten by the waves into fragments. Two hours after high water to-night the tide had fallen but high water, as the wind from the northeast is increasing in force, and should it continue until high water to-morrow the damage will be more than double that of to-day. The surf was by far the heaviest ever seen here. The branch of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, connecting along the beach front from this place to South Atlantic City, was badly washed, and the passengers who took the late train to this place were compelled to abandon the train and walk a distance of five and a half miles. All the railroad tracks, which they and the waves except the West Jersey, are submerged, and will undoubtedly sustain much damage.

A FLOATING BODY.

Believed to be One of the Crew of the Missing Mystery.

FALMOUTH, MASS., Aug. 29.—A life preserver, which was torn, and with evidences of having been in recent use, and which was stamped with the name "C. H. Northam," was found yesterday afternoon upon the shore of Falmouth Sound, between Falmouth Heights and Mannahat. A party of children playing upon the beach, near Falmouth village, saw the body of a man floating in the surf close to the sands, but becoming frightened they ran away, and told no one until it was too late. A party returning from the Vineyard saw the body, which they supposed was one of the missing men from the yacht *Mystery*, but the tide being against them they did not dare to stop and investigate.

The Free Thinkers' Convention.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The Free Thinkers' convention opened here to-day, 800 delegates being present. The following committees were appointed:

Business—H. L. Green, of New York; W. S. Bell, Massachusetts; J. H. Bunham, Michigan; G. W. Baldwin, Pennsylvania, and John Ray, Canada.

Resolutions—Courtland Palmer, Samuel P. Putnam, and H. H. Chase, of New York; M. H. Krukel, Missouri; George Chauncey and Susan H. Wilson, Massachusetts; Allen Frangle, Canada; C. B. Waite, Illinois; John E. Ramsey, Kansas; A. R. Bradford, Pennsylvania, and Charles Watts, England.

Charles Watts, England, arrived this afternoon from London. T. L. Brown, J. L. Russell, Samuel C. Putnam, C. Fannie Allen and George Chauncey attended the convention to-day. Rev. Thomas Mitchell, of Brooklyn, arrived this evening, and will speak in behalf of the Unitarian movement in the convention decided to give Mr. Mitchell the time he desired. George Chauncey's lecture this evening on the "Clergy" was well received.

The Republicans Open the Campaign in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Aug. 29.—The republican state committee has issued an address to the people, thus making the opening of the campaign in this state. It says: "No one can overlook the significance of the result in Massachusetts this autumn upon the next presidential election. At the same time it would be worse than idle to disguise the fact that the coming election is essentially a state campaign. To the people of Massachusetts the issues are almost unprecedented in gravity, and justly outweigh all other considerations. Massachusetts has been for many years a party state, and the reasons for her supreme executive magistracy and her followers. Under the same auspices the administrative policy of spoils on the state and spoils and plunder in the city of Boston has been set on foot, which is bitterly at variance with all the habits and traditions of Massachusetts."

The address urges the overthrow of the power responsible for such principles.

Fatal Accident Caused by a Cow.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29.—The Washburn train which left Council Bluffs last evening at 5 o'clock when near Clifton, Mo., at 2 o'clock this morning, ran over a cow. The engine, baggage car, and one coach were derailed, and the engine was upset. Engineer Hall, one of the oldest engineers on the road, was killed. No passengers were injured.

Virginia Theological Seminary.

DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 29.—Rev. Dr. J. B. Strickler, of Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously elected a professor of the Union Theological seminary of this state by the board of trustees in session here this evening. Dr. Strickler will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Dr. Peck, who will take the chair resigned by Rev. Dr. Dabney.

Southern Independents.

The presence of Gen. Mahone, Gen. Longstreet, Gen. Chalmers, Judge Jeffers, and others, in the city yesterday, and the fact that they were together in Gen. Mahone's room at the Arlington, gave rise to many surmises as to what might be the purpose of their meeting. All that could be ascertained was that Gen. Mahone, being in the city, was visited by the other gentlemen who happened also to be here, and that the conversation naturally turned to southern politics in general, and the prospects of independent revolts against